

St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the Word

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th October 2020

Mass and Word & Communion with the people
FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN

Sun 18th	9:00am	Foundation Mass for Nora Forshaw dec'd
	5:15pm	Foundation Mass for the deceased members of the Brown Family
Mon 19th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tues 20th	9:30am	Foundation Mass for the deceased members of the Lynne Stephens Family
Weds 21st	7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:30pm	Word & Communion
Thurs 22nd	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Pier Luigi Baffoni
Fri 23rd	9:30am	Word & Communion
	10:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 24th	11:00am	Monica Stanbridge, dec'd
Sun 25th	9:00am	Foundation Mass for the deceased members of the Brown Family
	5:15pm	Foundation Mass for the deceased members of the A. J. Hunting family

Psalm Response:

Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Welcome:

Alleluia! Alleluia!. Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gift Aid envelopes are now available at the back of the Church for collection anytime when the Church is open. If you are having trouble collecting them and would like them delivered, please email Carmel juddc81@gmail.com

Your Weekly Money- Offering

Please use the wooden box at the door as you leave the Church. There is a separate box for second collections. Thank you.

Funeral: for Pier Baffoni:

Wednesday 21st at 6.30pm his mortal remains come into our Church. Requiem Mass Thursday 22nd at *11.00am. (*Last week's newsletter carried the wrong time)

Bishop David has written to priests to pass his thanks onto volunteers who are stewarding in our catholic churches and making it possible for them to remain open. Recognising the struggle many churches face to find volunteers and the pressure on those who do volunteer as the pandemic continues much longer than any of anticipated, Bishop David writes:

My dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Servant Lord! I want to write to you, to express my personal gratitude for your service as a steward in your parish community. It is through your personal generosity and dedication, that we have been able to reopen our churches for prayer, and to keep them open, for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other sacraments.

Your patient attention to preparing our churches, through regular cleaning, assistance with hand gel and guidance of visitors through the one-way systems in place, whilst ensuring social distancing, have made a real difference. Parishioners are able to come back to church, feeling safe and secure in these still very challenging times.

I have seen for myself, the effective and efficient manner in which you have carried out your stewardship. One might almost say in a very professional way. This has ensured that our churches are some of the most safest places and buildings throughout the land for people to enter.

All this is very necessary for us to continue. I know that it is difficult for some parish communities to find volunteers. None of us have realised how long this phase of the pandemic would be. I want to encourage you to continue to volunteer, and I encourage our priests to seek other volunteers to help alongside you with this indispensable ministry. I also appreciate how difficult your role can be at times, when you are challenged by those who do not wish to follow the guidelines.

From time to time, we hear talk of what is essential and non-essential. Unfortunately, there is no account in this discourse of the essential nature of our common lives as Disciples of Christ. For us as Catholics, our participation in Holy Mass and the sacraments does not belong to the non-essential. This coming together as a community, called out of darkness into light, is what defines us. In this regard, your volunteer ministry as stewards is a great blessing for us all.

Please be assured of my remembrance of you in my daily Rosary, and please do keep me in your prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop David

Track and Trace - If you swipe your *Smartphone* over the QR code as you come in this will mean that you DO NOT NEED TO SIGN IN because this QR goes straight to the system. You will need to download the COVID App to your 'phone.

Second Collection today is for World Mission Sunday